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In response to reftel, Post contacted officials at New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - United Nations, Human Rights and Commonwealth Division for comment on their position regarding the upcoming votes to accredit the Democracy Coalition Project (DCP) as an Non-Governmental Organization the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and to reconsider Dynamic Christian World Mission Foundation (DCWMF) at EcoSoc's Committee on NGOs. Officials at the division considered our request, and Post followed up by contacting Tom Kennedy, at that division, for a response. Kennedy noted that they had considered the position outlined in the demarche, and were inclined to stand with the U.S. on this issue when the vote is called at the UN, but a definitive response would be forthcoming as soon as they complete consultations with their PermReps at UN.

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